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For: POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL-DERIVATIZED BIOMOLECULES AND THEIR USE
IN HETEROGENEOUS DETECTION METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 18, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination after the filing of this Continued Prosecution Divisional Application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 43-51 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 52-59 as follows:

F1 52. Method as claimed in claim 14 wherein unspecific binding to the solid phase is reduced. *F2* *now*